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The cartoon controversy, started in Denmark, September 2005, continues to spread around the globe. More than 80 newspapers have republished the offensive cartoons and the bounty on the Danish cartoonists heads has increased to \$11 million.

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courtesy of Becca Funke

Becca Funke studied in Spanish in Chile and traveled to beautiful locations while studying abroad.

## Summer offers chance to travel

by Nick Lehman  
Staff reporter

Last fall, sophomore Becca Funke lived in Valdivia, Chile, studying Spanish. She returned to Central Washington University fluent enough in Spanish to read novels and carry on conversations.

Her classes, conducted in Spanish, allowed her to continue working on a double major in Spanish and elementary education.

"We never had school on Fridays so every weekend my friends and I would go to discos and karaoke bars," Funke said. "We also did a lot of traveling and went to Machu Picchu which is a famous archeological ruin in Peru."

Funke also traveled to the Alps in Argentina to go skiing for her birthday.

"My outlook on the world has changed for the better and I have matured because of this experience," Funke said.

When students study abroad, they have options in housing. Funke had a host family.

"It felt like I had a second family,"

Funke said.

Every summer approximately 130 students travel to participate in study abroad programs all over the world.

"Anyone who is a student can study abroad," Harmony DeFazio, study abroad adviser, said.

Students must have a 2.5 GPA or higher, be at least a sophomore and have good disciplinary and academic standing.

"Some schools require higher than a 2.5 GPA to get accepted," DeFazio said.

Students can travel to any region of the world offered by the study abroad program. Summer sessions last 4-6 weeks and include work in Argentina, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Ghana, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Morocco, Russia, South Africa, Spain and Switzerland.

Students can study almost anything that Central Washington University has to offer, but it depends on where they go.

"About half of the students study intensive language for the summer," DeFazio said.

Undergraduates use the summer

sessions as an opportunity to study what they are interested in rather than sticking strictly to their major requirements.

The cost of the programs vary from country to country. The best way to find out exactly how much it would cost is to use the International Center's search engine or make an appointment to talk to one of the advisers.

"Deadlines have been going on since mid-February and will continue into next quarter," DeFazio said.

The International Center is taking applications now.

The International Center has a program that allows students to spend one summer of intensive Spanish in Argentina followed by a semester in Chile while taking Spanish classes. If a student completes this program it will count for one year of Spanish.

"Studying abroad was absolutely amazing and I wouldn't change it for the world," Funke said.

If a student wants to travel outside of the United States, all they need to do is contact the International Center at 963-3612 or go to the website at [www.cwu.edu/~studyabroad](http://www.cwu.edu/~studyabroad).

# Cartoons cause violence, chaos across the world

The global climate is currently in a state of tension and unrest, thus making it seem improbable that things could become even more divided. However, with the September 2005 publication of satirical cartoons negatively depicting the Prophet Mohammed, the violent protests and climbing death tolls continue to question the stability of our global foundation.

After 40 cartoonists were invited by the Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten to create the caricatures, 12 submitted drawings of how they saw Mohammed, which then appeared in the newspaper in September 2005. One portrayal depicted Mohammed as a terrorist with a bomb on his turban. Another showed Mohammed in heaven informing suicide bombers that they had run out of virgins ([wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org)). As news of the controversial cartoons circulated they began reappearing in European papers, further infuriating the Muslim community.

Many experts are currently debating why the Muslim community became so enraged over these specific publications. One possible explanation is that the idea of dissent and free-expression is a foreign concept to a large part of the world's Muslim population. This is a hard concept for those of us in the west to grasp because the concept of "free-speech" is such a western idea engrained in us throughout our entire lives.

Central Washington University political science professor, Mathew Manweller questions whether or not this has anything to do with speech.

So is this about free speech or is it about the destabilization of governmental power?

"I ran, used, the cartoons to sort of, fan the flame in the east," Manweller said. "They used them as an opportunity to [further divide East from West]



Rebecca Thornton  
Staff reporter

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he continued, "[Iran is saying], if you push us, look how easy we can push back."

According to Manweller, the real issue may be Iran's attempt to demonstrate the instability of governments and

show the west how easy it was for them to raise the masses. This may also be unsettling for the Eastern European Union (EEU) and the U.S. because of the large Muslim populations in both places.

Some, however, still see the issue of speech as central to this debate.

"The situation is very clear. There's a total lack of comprehension in the Moslem world of freedom of speech and freedom of expression and the ability of people to express dissent," Dr. Efraim Zuroff, director of Simon Wiesenthal Center in Jerusalem, said in an interview with Julie Stahl from townhall.com. "Why they found the cartoons so offensive is because it reinforces the stereotype of the Western world."

Yet another dimension to this debate is the religious dogma associated with creating portrayals of Mohammed at all. Most Muslims are tolerant of pictorials because up until this point, most have been positive. However the negative depictions are seen as unacceptable and deeply offensive.

The Danish government, while refusing any wrong doing, published two apology letters that appeared in Eastern newspapers. One contained this passage:

"In our opinion, the 12 drawings were sober. They were not intended to be offensive, nor were they at variance with Danish law, but they have indisputably offended many Muslims for which we apologize." ([www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)).

The Danish Prime Minister refused to intervene at all because the publications were not illegal under Danish speech laws. The lack of action from the Danish government has led to the closing of Danish embassies in eastern countries as well as boycotts of Danish products by Muslim's across the globe.

As the death toll climbs, religious leaders such as Pope Benedict the XVI have spoken out about the blatant insensitivity of the cartoons.

Much fear exists around the world that these protests will continue and that violence will continue to escalate. There have been death threats issued to some of the cartoonists, sending them into hiding.

Though there is much disagreement surrounding the implications of these publications, the consensus seems to be that the issue is deeply complex and cannot be answered in simple terms. Another dimension to discuss is the paradox that exists within the free-speech concept.

"Must we be tolerant of intolerance?" Manweller asked.

Student's responses next week.

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# Pain in the backside: Doc says desks too small

by Paul Balcerak  
Staff reporter

At 6-foot-3-inches tall, senior business major Christopher Loper is indeed a tall drink of water. While 6-foot-3 may fail to impress many in the era of Yao Ming and Randy Johnson, it is nevertheless five inches above the national average — a fact which forces Loper and many Central Washington University students like him to suffer discomfort on a daily basis.

"The desks at school are very uncomfortable," Loper said. "I'm tall. They don't have very much padding; I have a bony butt and it hurts."

Though Loper's gripe may seem trivial, his predicament has been well documented in the medical and chiropractic realm. Dr. William J. Ruch's "Atlas of Common Subluxations of the Human Spine and Pelvis" lists "compulsory education" as a major cause of spinal deformity.

Ruch said that things such as reading or staring at a computer screen while seated are abnormal positions that cause "long-term malpositioning and tethering of the spinal cord, which can be associated with cardiovascular problems."

Ruch's comments may encompass all students and readers alike, but one local Ellensburg chiropractor said that a greater burden rests on the taller-than-average few.

"The big problem with the height-to-desk ratio is that the taller you are, the more forward you've got to bend [and] the more decrease in the elbow height [you have]," said Ellensburg Chiropractic's Dr. D.B. Bridgeman. "[I]f your knees are bent below 90 degrees, that's really bad, because then you've got your knees bent, you're going to get more pressure on your hips and the spine and the more you have to forward flex."

The problem with forward flexion, Bridgeman said, is that it forces the spine into a question mark shape over time, causing hunch-backed posture.

Furthermore, the tendency to lean towards one's dominant side and cock

## Tips for a tall students' backs

- Use a lumbar support pillow. It keeps the lower back supported, prevents slouching and the hunched-over position that can deform the back.
- Stay hydrated. Bridgeman noted that the discs between spinal vertebrae consist of 70 percent water and thus, staying hydrated is essential to keeping those discs healthy.
- Be aware of your posture. Making a habit of sitting up straight will keep your spine in the proper alignment.
- Just don't sit. When having a break from class take a walk.

the head while writing forces the spine to misalign itself to that side, causing it to further deform.

"You need elbow support when you're writing, otherwise you have to constantly hold up the upper extremity, which is going to cause muscle contracture and is going to cause unilateral spasms," Bridgeman said. "If you're a left-hander, a lot of those desks, they don't have any support [on the left side], so that's a big problem as well."

Bridgeman's claims aren't without contention, however. Dr. Myron Linder of Linder Chiropractic in Ellensburg believes spinal health has less to do with one's seating arrangements and

more to do with general health.

"A lot of times when you look at your size and your weight, you can also look at your habits — your physical habits," Linder said. "When you think of if you were doing aerobics everyday or doing stretch-

ing exercises versus not doing anything at all, that's going to make a big difference as to how well your back does with any kind of chair."

Linder admits that sitting positions and workplace ergonomics do play a role in the "fine tuning" of spinal health, but said that overall, exercise and nutrition are far more important.

"It's kind of important to look at that holistic approach and not just that 45 minutes in that chair in that classroom," Linder said.

Bridgeman agrees in part with Linder's assessment and said that while diet and exercise are important to students'

overall spinal health, research has suggested that prolonged stays in a seated position correlate strongly to spinal complications.

"According to the literature they've done studies where they show that — it's not necessarily desks, but any prolonged sitting over 40 minutes, 50 minutes, actually causes the ligaments to be stretched," Bridgeman said. "[I]f you have four classes a day where you're sitting 40-to-50 minutes, it's going to create a [spinal deformity] pattern and again if you aren't healthy, if you're not exercising, and if you're not getting regular spinal check-ups or doing things to balance out asymmetries, then you're going to have a problem. If you're sitting in a right-laterally flexed position taking notes and a forward head posture, then you create spinal deformities. If you times that by three or four years-however long you're in college — you're going to have some problems and issues."

Bridgeman suggested that it may be time for Central's "giants" to make their case for spinal health and general comfort heard and petition the university for larger desks. The lanky few would likely agree with Loper's lone request for classroom seating: "I would like something that's ergonomically correct."

# Class offers training for assault victim advocates

by Carleigh Lorenz  
Staff reporter

One woman in four is sexually assaulted in her life and females are more vulnerable to sexual assault while in college. The Sexual Assault Victims' Advisors Workshop (SAVA) at Central Washington University is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today in SUB 206/207.

"After attending this program, each person will be educated on how to appropriately respond to a victim of

sexual assault and the resources that are available to victims both on campus and within the Ellensburg community," said Katie Fox, Student Health Educator at the Wildcat Wellness Center. "Each attendee will also have the option of identifying him or herself as an ally to sexual assault victims with a sticker for his or her door."

The Wellness Center has six training sessions a year, holding two per quarter. Each training session is approximately three hours long.

"Sexual Assault Victims Advisors (SAVA) is important to Central's campus because two-thirds of sexual assault victims tell a friend before anyone else," Fox said.

SAVA is composed of members who are allies to sexual assault victims. It has 37 members currently.

"The workshops are good because there are a lot of people who are victims of sexual assault," said Adam Chastagner, junior political science major. "Sometimes people will rise to

management positions later and they may have to know how to deal with victims of assault."

SAVA training sessions next quarter will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 13 in the SUB room 206/207 and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. May 16 in the Student Union Building and Recreation Center room 140.

"I think that the workshop is good because if you're aware of how to treat people who are assaulted then you can better deal with it if you yourself get

assaulted," Stacey Tobin, freshman undeclared, said.

To sign up for the training sessions on April 13 and May 16, contact Katie Fox at the Wellness Center at FoxK@cwu.edu or 963-3213.

For information regarding sexual assault prevention, go to [www.cwu.edu/~www/sexualassault.html](http://www.cwu.edu/~www/sexualassault.html) or contact the Wellness Center.

**Correction:** The writing center is located in Hertz room 103. The hours are: Monday through Friday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Fridays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sunday in the Library fishbowl 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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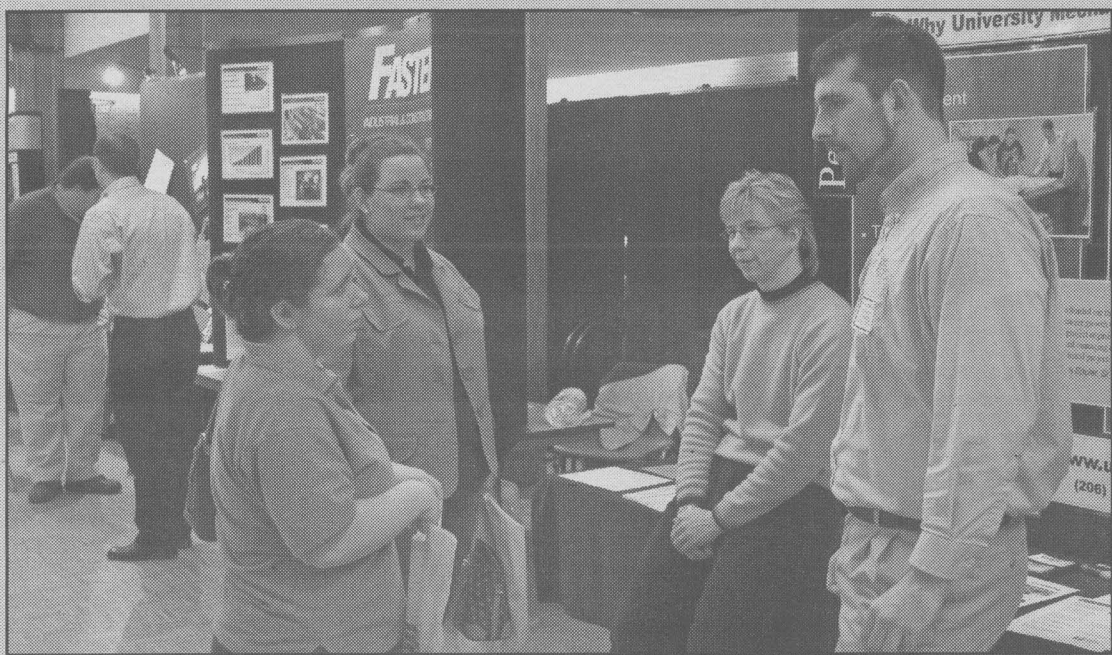
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Students were able to talk with various construction companies about internship and job opportunities.

## Job fair builds opportunities

by Sean McPherson  
Staff reporter

Last Thursday, construction management and engineering students were able to talk with 36 companies for job and internship opportunities.

The annual Construction Management and Engineering Technology Fair took place in the Samuelson Union Building (SUB) Ballroom. Companies including Absher, Genie and Lydig presented students with opportunities.

Teresa Youngren, the employment recruiting coordinator at Career Services, said around 90 recruiters attended this year's fair. Last year, only 22 companies attending and 13 the year before that.

Youngren's job was to get all the companies and recruiters to attend the fair. She began working on the fair in December when information was sent out to the employers.

The ballroom was filled with displays and recruiters ready to answer any questions or to take resumes.

Some displays had laptops showing information about that company, while others gave away free stuff like triangular highlighters.

Brian Masten, engineer for General Construction, graduated from Central in 2004 and attended this year as a recruiter.

"It's nice to come back to Central," Masten said.

Michael Zabransky, senior Construction Management major, attended last year's fair where he got an internship and returned this year to look for a full time job.

Dylan Schultz, manufacturing engineer for Genie, also graduated from Central in 2004. He attended as a student and found he has a few advantages as a recruiter.

"I got a lot of good contacts here from my old professors and there are

a lot of good students here that I can help get a job," Schultz said.

Randy Williamson, associate director for Career Services, worked at the fair to make sure all the employers' needs were satisfied and to answer students' questions. This was his third year working at the fair.

"It's a little different every year," Williamson said. "Each and every year we understand what we need to do, but we have more work to do, as we increase with the numbers."

By the end of the day, more than 200 students checked out the fair.

Career Services will be putting on Career Quest, an all-major fair that will have 80 companies and 20 school districts looking for jobs and internships on April 20.

For more information on any upcoming fairs or career opportunities, visit the Career Services Web site at [www.cwu.edu/~career/](http://www.cwu.edu/~career/).

## 'Ellensburg Extreme' Episode 8.3 pulled

by Patrick Lewis  
Senior reporter

Ellensburg Extreme, the flashy, sometimes dirty, late-night sketch comedy show has won numerous national awards and thrived at Central Washington University. However, issues stemming from a pulled show in December that could lead to censorship have festered for several months and are just now being dealt with.

"This is the first time we've pulled Ellensburg Extreme, but we've had qualms about the content before," said Kurt Newman, Ellensburg Community Television (ECTV) Production Coordinator. "When City Hall is calling I have to act."

Michael Ogden, associate professor of film, video and multimedia communication, serves as Extreme's faculty adviser.

Ogden said the American Civil Liberties Union has proven in various court cases that restrictive community standards amount to censorship.

"It's a seductive argument [community standards], but it's without legal merit," Ogden said.

The show had been running in three time-slots: 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Episode 8.3, which was pulled in December, had received complaints from the community about masturbation jokes and the sale of semen. Newman said that the show had been pulled due to community guidelines. It also ran into copyright infringement because of music played during the closing credits.

Justin Paulson, executive producer of Ellensburg Extreme said that the show and its staff weren't consulted about the material, or told of the complaints before it was pulled.

The issue running hand-in-hand with the complaints is one of safe-har-

bor. The show's original producers requested safe-harbor, or showing the episode at a time when it wouldn't offend a large amount of viewers. Imagine the outcry at running the South Park movie mid-afternoon instead of Matlock.

"Initially the show's producers wanted it to follow Newswatch since they both attract the same audience," Newman said. "We're not required to air it, but we do so as a favor to the department."

Both Newman and Michael Fessler, director of Ellensburg Extreme, agree that the show should be on late-night because of its adult based humor. Newman said that he didn't know if the show's producers had requested something different, so they continued with the status quo.

"Just because a time is requested doesn't mean it has to be granted," said Robert Fordan, associate professor of video communication and a member of the Ellensburg Cable Commission.

"We have not been informed by the number or quality of complaints by community members," Ogden said.

Newman said the Cable Commission asked him to look at the wording of the obscenity policies and update them if necessary.

"They were just not spelled out clearly enough," Newman said.

Copyright infringement also came up in the discussion of the pulling of the episode. During the credits, roughly one-and-a-half minutes of a Dire Straits song was used.

"I did mess up here, and it has been corrected," Fessler said. "I just am trying to get a decent airing of my show."

The show is only airing at 11:30 p.m. and is being previewed by staff at ECTV. These issues were set to be discussed at the monthly meeting of the Cable Commission, but it was canceled due to lack of attendance.

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**Allison White**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

There is no question of whether the First Amendment to the Constitution, specifically freedom of expression, is being infringed upon in our country. In the last three weeks there has been a gross testament to the trend, and it is perhaps fitting that the challenge to the nation's freedom of speech and press did not come from citizens of our country, but from Europe and several countries in the Middle East.

Last September a dozen cartoons depicting the Muslim prophet Muhammad were published, but it has only been in the last month that a backlash has reared. In the wake of this backlash

has been a debate about what it means to publish something that is considered offensive and what the media's responsibility is to the public regarding the cartoons and controversy. There has even been discourse about what exactly the rioters find problematic in the situation, aside from the obvious (the depiction of a prophet who is not supposed to be given a physical form).

On Monday there were 18 newspapers in the U.S., including three college newspapers, that had published the cartoons. Seattle's weekly tabloid "The Stranger" was one of them. But newspapers missing from the list include The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, and both Seattle dailies. Additionally, the Associated Press was not distributing the cartoons for republication, allowing for a kind of prior restraint on the content.

As the controversy continues to play out there are new twists and layers being added almost daily. Since it began the Danish cartoonists have

gone into hiding after threats against their lives were made, and now the bounty is set at an unbelievable \$11 million.

Worse though, is that more than 50 lives have been taken because of the cartoons. Churches in Nigeria have been burned and Danish embassies in

sides what Communism was and what it wasn't. In his speech regarding the cartoons he said, "The issue is not about race, colour or heritage. It is a conflict of ideas, which transcend borders and races."

On one hand there is the West that fights for freedom of expression and for a liberal democracy. On the other hand there is the East that fights to maintain a theocracy and to have censorship over what they deem is offensive. The West should not have to submit to the demands of the East over what should or should not be done regarding this matter.

Even here in the U.S. there has been action taken against those who chose to use the protection of the first amendment and republish the cartoons. The Editor-in-Chief and the opinions page editor were suspended from The Daily Illini, the University of

Illinois' student newspaper.

But to see the effects of infringement upon the first amendment students need to look no further than to Central's own student-produced sketch-comedy show "Ellensburg Extreme" (see story page 4). A December episode of the show was pulled because it supposedly violated obscenity rules. Now the show is facing possible censorship.

It seems that in most of these instances people have forgotten to heed Voltaire's famous words: "I may disagree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." The cartoons are doing the talking right now, and it is media and society's responsibility to let those words be heard.

If you would like to share your opinions on the matter please email your responses to [Observer@cwu.edu](mailto:Observer@cwu.edu). No anonymous material will be reprinted.

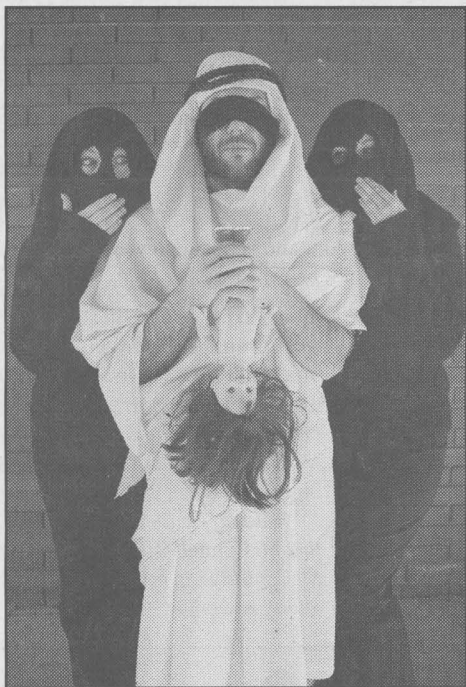
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### Freedom of Expression and the right to offend

the Middle East and Africa have been targeted with bomb threats and worse.

On Friday Feb. 10 Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a Muslim immigrant to Holland, made a speech in Berlin, Germany about the right to offend. He spoke about living in Berlin during the time of East and West Germany, and how freedom of expression was a way to show both



The photo featured on the cover of this newspaper is a parody of one of the many cartoons depicting the prophet Muhammad that have incited several instances of violence in a number of Arab nations. The intention of this parody is to replace the hostile objects used in the cartoon with elements of the ridiculous while simultaneously offering an additional critique of the social and religious tenets of the culture. The intention was to offer an illustration with regards to the subjugation of women, in which this content is embedded. To view all 12 cartoons in their entirety visit the website <http://face-of-muhammed.blogspot.com>

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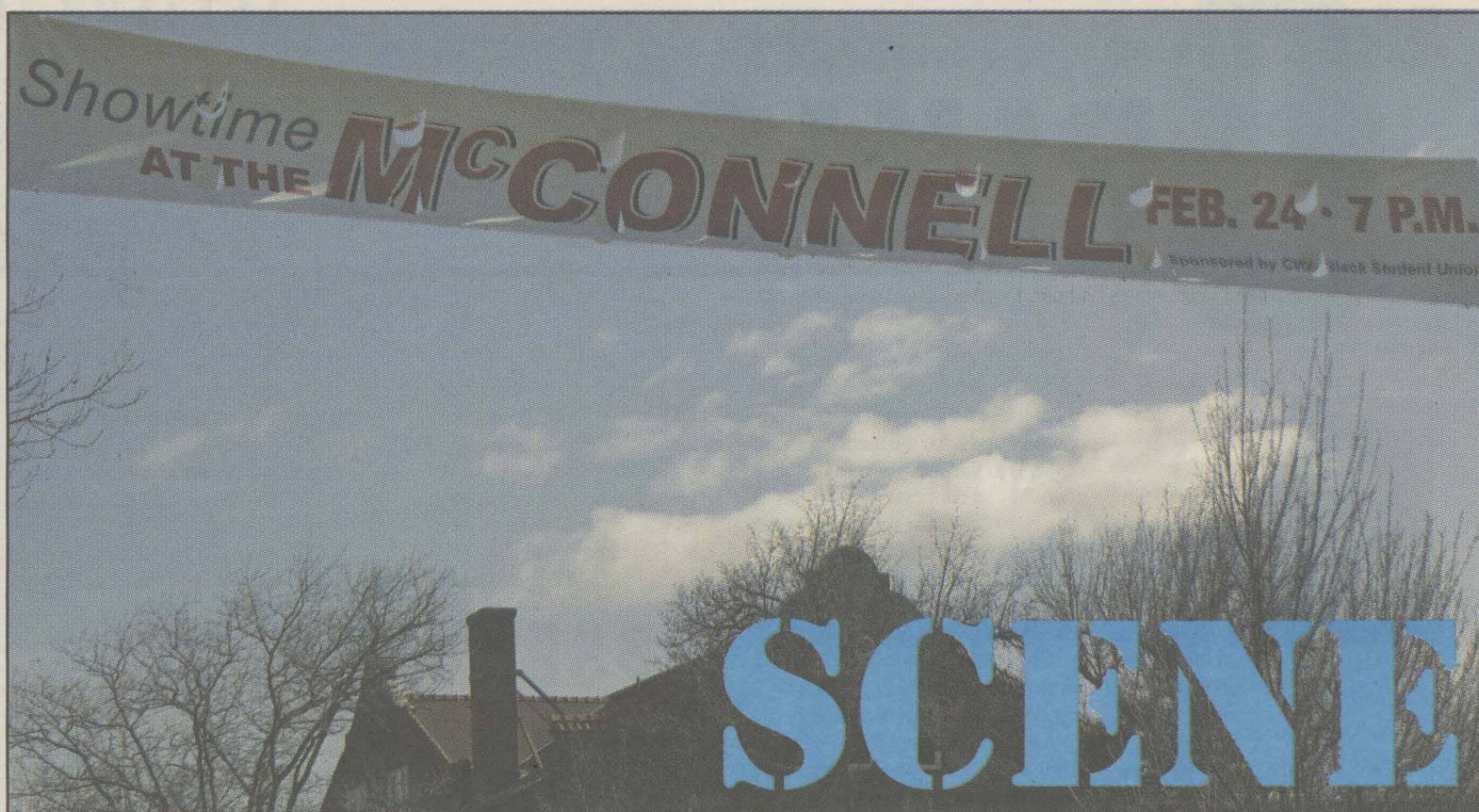
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Showtime at the McConnell is a talent show that pays tribute to the Apollow Theatre. The show is put on by the Black Student Union (BSU). This annual event takes place at 7 p.m. Friday Feb. 24 and admission is free. The winner of the talent show will win a grand prize of \$500.

## Show pays tribute to Apollo Theatre

by Meghan Hanley  
Staff reporter

The historic Apollo Theatre in Harlem, NY is known for holding talent shows bursting with audience participation.

This Friday at an Apollo Theatre tribute event, Central Washington University students will bring their acts to the stage.

The Black Student Union (BSU), along with the Equity Service Council and the Diversity Center, is presenting Showtime at McConnell, a talent showcase and tribute to the classic Showtime at The Apollo.

"It's a crowd judged talent showcase where you kind of get fed to the sharks so to speak," said Perry Lomax, junior public relations major and president of BSU. "If they don't like you, you get booed right off the stage."

The crowd interaction is an important element of the show. Audience

members freely express how they feel about the acts on stage is what The Apollo is known for.

"If you hear something you don't like, the point is to boo them right off the stage," Lomax said. "People are ready to boo. Once one or two of the rowdy people start booing, everybody else kind of follows suit."

Though booing may be fun, many of the acts are quite talented.

"There are a lot of good acts this year," Meeks said.

While audience members are encouraged to boo for the bad acts, they are also encouraged to clap for the good acts.

"If they're good, you clap," said Ana Gonzalez, sophomore family studies major. "If you don't like them, you boo them off."

This is the third year in a row the BSU has presented Showtime at McConnell, and the annual event is something even families can enjoy.

"We put on this event because, it's basically a way to get people involved, and it gets people to recognize the BSU," Domonique Meeks, freshman law and justice major said. "We're putting on a family event and showing everyone that we put on a good show."

Many different types of acts will be performing in the show.

"The majority of them are singing and rapping... and then we have a steel drums act, we have a gospel act, and we have a couple of comedy acts," Lomax said.

The winner of Showtime at McConnell will win a grand prize of \$500. Aside from the grand prize, attendees also have a chance to win something.

"If you walk around campus you'll see these yellow signs with random black facts on them," Lomax said. "Learn those facts, love those facts, become one with those facts, because those facts will get you prizes at the

show. We're going to ask people in the audience who knows the answer to these questions."

New to this year's event is the host Scrunchy. Scrunchy is a comedian who has been on numerous comedy tours, appeared on BET Comic View, and was in the movie How High. DJ Hott Sauce will be DJing the event.

The event is free to all attendees, however the BSU is accepting donations.

The annual event is something BSU enjoys putting on because it serves as a tribute to the Apollo Theatre.

"It's just a little fun piece of the black culture that we want to bring to Central," Lomax said. "This is actually our third annual [Showtime at McConnell] and this one is going to be bigger and better than the other two."

Held at 7 p.m. on Friday Feb. 24 in the McConnell Theatre, Showtime at McConnell is an event for all students to attend and enjoy.

## Students build 'Bridges' at Central

by Laura Graves  
Staff reporter

There are many children who grow up thinking that college will never be an option for them. Children who think because they grew up without a lot of money there will never be a chance of getting into college. Bridges is an organization that shows these kids that college is an option, and how accessible it can be.

Founded in 1997, Bridges is a non-profit organization funded by the Central Washington University GEAR UP grant. The program involves college students and students from various schools from central Washington, including Othello, Prosser, Royal City, Highland and Wahluke. The college students work with students from grades six through 10 and interact with them on many different activities. Veronica Gomez, Bridges coordinator, explained that the students who interact with the college students really look up to them, and take to heart what they learn.

"The college students provide academic activities and become role models to these kids. They plan and implement after school clubs, work shops,

field trips and other academic activities," Gomez said.

Last Wednesday, seventh graders from Othello came to Central and gathered for a day of workshops put on by students in Communication 201 class. The workshop was called Media Identity. Media identity was a variety of different activities the students participated in, working in group and individual activities. The students looked at different aspects of the media and how the media portrays different ethnicities.

Many of these students come from different backgrounds and ethnicities, so it was an interesting and effective way to see how the media can portray all different ethnicities.

"Kids from Othello get to see how the media portrays different ethnicities," Gomez said. "The kids get to look at different portrayals and see if that is how they look at themselves."

Bridges welcomes all students who are interested in participating and offers some paid positions, community service hours and numerous volunteer opportunities.

To get involved, or for more information about Bridges, contact Veronica Gomez at 963-1347 or in Hertz 203.



Rachel Guillermo/Observer

Bridges mentors work with 7th grades from Othello, Prosser, Royal City, Highland and Wahluke Wednesday morning in the SUB Ballroom. Central students put on workshops for the visiting middle schoolers to help educate them about ethnic identities in the media.



# After a two-month delay students must wait longer for their Frosty

by Ryan Fudacz  
Staff reporter

Put those square hamburger patties on hold. The Wendy's restaurant is yet to open as a result of a personal business decision. The franchisee of the Ellensburg Wendy's has made the decision to abandon his position with the restaurant and in return, has left the famous family restaurant with an empty drive-through and closed doors.

"We fully expect to open because there is a pent up demand for Wendy's in that area [Ellensburg]...It's popular with the college students. It's the Frosties, chicken nuggets and junior bacon burgers [that attracts the students]," said Chris Dickinsen, a spokesperson for Wendy's International.

Though the restaurant is expected to open, Dickinsen said

there is not a set date and time as to when it will. The restaurant had been slated to open earlier this year.

"We are actively looking for someone to operate the restaurant...when that happens [find a franchisee] then we will open," Dickinsen said.

Rumors in Ellensburg in regard to why Wendy's has yet to open have been circulating around the community. Small-talk has ranged from polluted ground soil below the restaurant to a confident Wendy's company deciding to take the process slow as result of a lack of competition.

Dickinsen said she was unfamiliar with the rumors, but they are not the reason for the delay.

"Be a little patient with us and soon you will enjoy your favorite food from Wendy's," Dickinsen said.



Chris Sheats/Observer

Students will have to wait for a yummy frosty a little longer as Wendy's waits for an owner. The Wendy's building is located on Canyon Road near the I-90 interchange.

## February

**23** ★ Men's  
Basket ball:  
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**24** ★ Ellensburg  
High School  
Musical "The  
Pajama Game"  
7 p.m. Morgan Performing  
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Concert with  
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as guest artists during the  
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Watch the closing  
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Recital, Diane  
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# Central's Family Weekend February 24-26

## Music, chimps, bowling and snowshoeing bring families together

### Parents join students at Central for fun during Family Weekend

by TJ McMahon  
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's Campus Life invites students and their families to participate in this year's Family Weekend. The Family Weekend is an opportunity for students who aren't always able to travel home on weekends to invite family members to campus to explore other avenues available to students outside of the classroom.

"Even though my parents are in Arizona this year I think it's really cool," Jess Calybrook, freshman recreation major said.

The theme for this year's family weekend is "Cruisin' Central 2006." Activities for Family Weekend are being offered by the Athletics Department, Campus Activities, the Recreation Department and other departments.

"If it weren't for time constraints and prior engagements, my parents would spend the day instead of just a few hours," Chris Aman, sophomore pre-pharmacy major, said.

The three day event stretches from Friday evening, when participants can check in, to Sunday afternoon with activities throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday.

"My parents are here the weekend before to

avoid the crowds of family weekend," Jessica Entz, sophomore philosophy major, said. Other students are opting out of participating.

"The long drive isn't worth it for my parents and it's mostly for first year students anyway," Keith Vance, senior graphic design major, said.

"I think it's a good idea but I'm just going to go home," Christina Corvin, freshman history major said.

For those students and parents who are participating in Family Weekend, Saturday offers a full array of activities including a snowshoe excursion, a tour of Central's chimposium and signing chimpanzees, and the opportunity to use the new SUB/REC's indoor rock climbing wall for an introduction to the sport of rock climbing.

Activities continue through the afternoon with bowling at the Ellensburg Rodeo Bowl and Central's women's basketball team takes on St. Martin's College followed by the men basketball team playing Humboldt State in the Nicholson Pavilion.

All Central students are invited to attend Family Weekend, although it seems to be predominantly geared toward first and second year students.

"I think it's a good transition for younger students just moving out," Mandy Eastin, senior Japanese major, said.

### Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts show families how to have fun

by Tim Vermeulen  
Staff reporter

The 1960s retro band Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts will be appearing for Central Washington University's Family Weekend 2006. The performance will be held at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25 in the SUB Ballroom. Tickets are \$15 for students, \$20 for general admission and the event is open to the public. This is the first time the Portland-based cover band has come to Central.

"They're a really energetic band," Jodie Hevelone, Special Events coordinator and senior recreation management major, said. "They know how

to get an audience moving and dancing."

The band will use the audience in their performance, which has numerous costume changes and dancing. Other activities during the show will include an all-you-can-eat ice cream and soda fountain, door prizes, and dance contests. The event is the centerpiece of Family Weekend 2006.

"Central is exceptional in how we incorporate the family," Scott Drummond, director, Campus Activities, said. "Families feel connected to the college."

Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts have been performing together since 1968. The band has toured nationally as well as internationally.

### Students, parents and chimps to communicate at Family Weekend

by Tim Vermeulen  
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute (CHCI) will have a special presentation for their famed Chimposium at 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 24 and at 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 in the CHCI as part of this year's Family Weekend.

"The Chimposium provides education and knowledge about chimps," Kara Moug, program coordinator for CHCI, said.

The program is an hour long. During the first

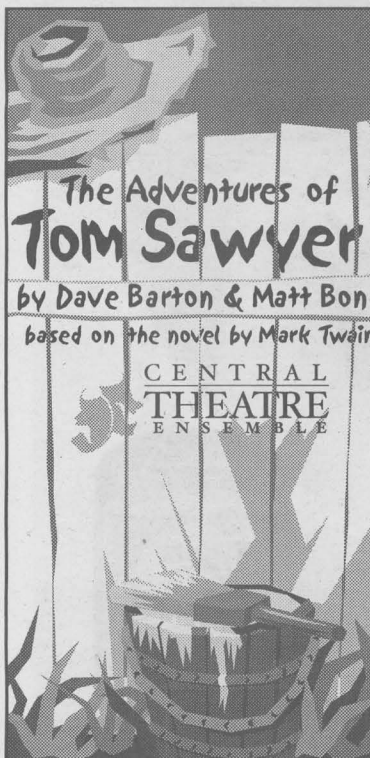
30 minutes visitors learn about Project Washoe and issues affecting chimps today.

A guide will then lead a 20 minute observation period where visitors communicate their names to the chimps in sign language. Afterwards, there is a short question and answer session.

"The best thing about the Chimposium is seeing the realization of people going through here," Moug said.

There is a maximum of 40 people per session. Prepaid telephone reservations are required and space is limited. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$6.50 for students. Reservations can be made by calling 963-2244.

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### Renowned author, Harm De Blij comes to Central for book signing

by Lacey Stanton  
Asst. Scene Editor

Renowned author, professor and television personality Harm De Blij will be signing copies of his new book "Why Geography Matters." De Blij was the popular Geography Editor on ABC's "Good Morning America" for seven years.

Robert Kuhlken, professor of geography and land studies, noticed De Blij was passing through Ellensburg on the way to Yakima and asked him if De Blij would be willing to stop at Central Washington University.

"His response was so humbling to us. He said it was no problem," Wendy Sienia, trade book buyer for

the University Store, said. "He is really down to earth."

Although De Blij has written the number one geography text book it is important to note that this book is not a text.

"It is a great read for anyone," said Sienia. "Everyone can benefit from it."

The book focuses on how geography is effecting everything around the world both politically and economically.

The book signing will be from 1:30-2:30 p.m., Feb. 28, outside the University Bookstore. Copies of the book are available for \$30 in hard back and can be purchased at the University Book Store.

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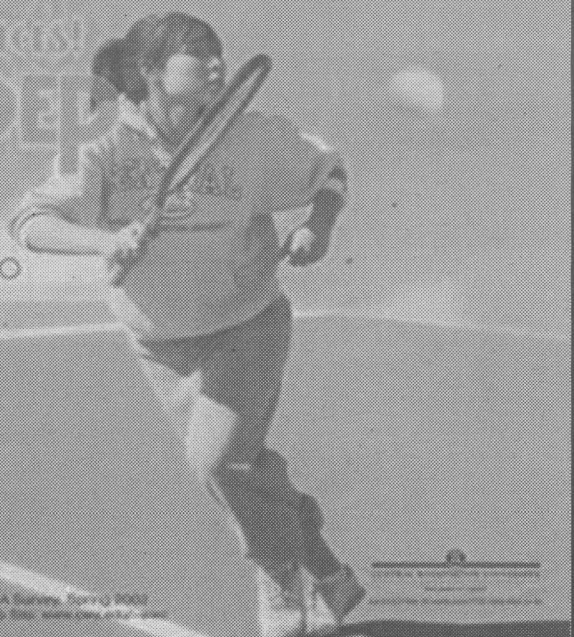
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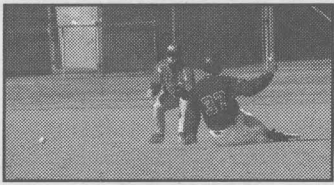
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# SPORTS

## Women fall short against Western

by Casey Donovan  
Staff reporter

What the boxscore from Saturday's game won't show is the intensity that a rivalry game like this harbors. The chip on each player's shoulder grows a little bit bigger and the fans are a whole lot louder. This is what Wildcat fans have come to expect when Central and Western face-off.

Even after a 65-60 loss to rival Western Washington University Vikings, the Central Washington University Wildcat women held their heads high long after the game was over. The emotions simply boiled over Saturday night at Nicholson Pavilion.

"I think this was the most emotional game I have ever been a part of," coach Jeff Whitney said.

Chances are a loss at home to rival Western would have Central in disarray. Not these Wildcats.

Although the game ended in a loss for the Wildcats, they played quite possibly their best game all season, proving to the critics that they are capable of hanging with the toughest of teams.

"We left everything on the floor," said freshman point guard Ashley Fenimore, who contributed 14 points. "We proved we are just as good as them."

The Wildcats kept pace with the Vikings, a team that has garnered 16 straight victories and is ranked eighth in the nation in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association poll.

The Vikings 22-1 record can be attributed to their impressive physical play on the court. Whitney said that Western had everything to lose and that Central was going to come out in their face.

"They are a physical team, but we were the ones that were handing it to them," Fenimore said.

The first half was an absolute strug-

gle for the Wildcats, who shot a lackluster 26 percent from the floor after starting out with only two baskets in their first 15 shot attempts.

During all this, Jamie Corwin found herself on the bench after getting her third foul with just over a minute left in the half. At halftime, the score had Western ahead 28-18.

"Our set plays weren't working all night," Whitney said, "We probably ran about 20 different sets and were getting nothing out of them. We didn't hit one three pointer out of a set play. Drive and kick was our only option."

Western came out and scored the first six points of the second half, making it even tougher for Central to claw back into the game. Also, Corwin was sent to the bench after accumulating her fourth foul on a questionable call that left Whitney and the crowd furious.

Whitney had seen enough and called a timeout. That was all Central needed to spark a comeback and light a fire under the team.

"Emotionally he is so involved," Fenimore said. "That timeout really fired us up."

The Wildcats mustered up enough points to get the deficit to single digits through the middle of the second half. Afterward, Fenimore streaked down the floor and pulled up for a three, then hit two clutch free throws to narrow the gap to five points.

With just under a minute to go, Fenimore once again provided Central with life as she nailed another trey that cut the lead down to three.

Laura Wright blocked a shot with 27 seconds left and the Wildcats had a chance of tying the game, but Hanna Hull missed a jumper in the lane; Western got the rebound and was fouled, sending the Vikings to the free throw line with just three seconds left.

They hit their next two free throws



Michael Bennett/Observer

**Senior forward Jamie Corwin drives the lane against the Vikings last Saturday, when the Wildcats lost 60-65. Last Thursday Corwin scored a school record 37 points against Grand Canyon University.**

and put the game out of contention, as the Western Washington Vikings defeated Central 65-60.

Earlier in the week Central steamrolled the Grand Canyon University Antelopes 85-61 in an impressive win. The story of the night was Jamie Corwin, who set an all-time women's scoring record with 37 points, 25 in the first half.

"I felt good during warm-ups and after I hit a few shots I knew I had it going," Corwin said.

Corwin added that postseason play would be a good way for her to go out

since she has never been there.

Central's chance at a postseason fully relies on next week's games; it is a must win scenario now.

Just as any good team should do, Central plans to finish off the regular season by winning, hopefully pushing them into the postseason tournament.

"We have high hopes for next week," said junior center Laura Wright who grabbed 10 rebounds to go with her eight points against Western. "We need these next two wins."

The teams next game is Saturday at home against Saint Martins University.

## Wins are crucial as Wildcats seek postseason

by Jake Paquette  
Staff reporter

Tuesday night the Central Washington University men's basketball team sat down to watch a video of the last time they played the Western Oregon Wolves. It was an ugly game from start to finish for the Wildcats. A game that dropped them to .500 and 4-5 in Great Northwest Athletic Conference play.

"It should sting a little bit," head coach Greg Sparling said.

Hopefully that sting will boost the Wildcats. If they are to make the playoffs, wins against the Wolves tonight and the Humboldt State Lumberjacks on Saturday are crucial. The reborn Wildcats are now on a four-game winning streak, as opposed to being in the middle of a five game losing streak like they were the last time they met these teams.

Although tonight's game will be against a team that is 1-6 this year in road conference games, Central lost by eight last time these teams met. Western Oregon (8-15, 3-11) found a way to beat the Wildcats by getting to the foul line 12 more times. Junior forward Keven Tyler who leads the team in assists (5.6) and points (17.9), led

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## Indoor track takes second in Nampa, Idaho

by Korben Cook  
Staff reporter

Last weekend at The Idaho Center in Nampa Idaho, both Wildcat men and women took second place in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) Indoor Track and Field Championship. Western Washington University men defeated Central Washington University 151 to 134 and Seattle Pacific University women defeated Central 154 to 134.

Coach Kevin Adkisson won the GNAC Coach of the Year in the women's division. Adkisson said competing will help fuel the fire for outdoor track even though Central did not win this year.

With the men coming so close to winning last year, hopes were running high. Adkisson said no matter what, they took care of business and it is time to get back to the grind-stone.

The women's 4X400 meter relay set the record in 2004 with a time of 3:58.72 minutes. The team took first this year with a time of 3:59.48 minutes. The men's 4X400 meter relay took second place in 3:24.61 minutes barely under Northwest Nazarene University who ran 3:24.60 minutes.

In sprints, senior Terran Legard set last year's records in the 200 meter with a time of 25.25 seconds and the 400

meter record in 56.57 seconds. Legard, who obtained her qualifying mark at the University of Washington Open number three, took third place in the 200 meter this year running 26.20 seconds and first place in the 400 meter in 57.75 seconds.

Katie Hummel took first place in the mile run in 5:08.11 minutes.

The Wildcats had a one-two finish in the 5000 meter run with senior Brandy Anderson finishing in 18:27.98 minutes and sophomore Marcie Mullen in 18:32.42 minutes.

Freshman Matthew Rogstad took second in the 60 meter dash with a time of 7.16 seconds. Last weeks GNAC Athlete of the Week, senior Cresap Watson, took first place in the 400 meter dash in 49.90 seconds. Junior Sam Scotchmer ran 15:03.96 minutes in the 5000 meter taking first place.

In the jumps, sophomore Haley Amos took fourth place in the pole vault with a jump of 10-08.25 feet. Sophomore Cameron Bailey had a 6-06.00 foot leap in the high jump taking second place. Freshman Nicholas Collins had a fourth place finish in the long jump leaping 21-01.25 feet.

"[Tandle] had a breakthrough we'd been waiting for ... [having] a 1.5 foot improvement," Adkisson said.

After setting the women's shotput

record last year with a throw of about 41 feet, Tandle beat her old record and took first place this year with a throw of 44-08.75 feet. Tandle also took first in the weight throw with a throw of 50-00.75 feet. Junior Cameron Neel, who set the record in the men's shotput last year with a throw about 55.61 feet, took first place with a throw of 53-03.75 feet.

This coming weekend is the Division II Last Chance Qualifier in Seattle. The squad attending the qualifier will be smaller since only athletes ranked 12 and lower attend to which only Cameron Neel is definitely going. Adkisson said even though Hummel and Watson set new records in their events, they are still ninth in the conference.

So far, four of Central's athletes have their provisional qualifying marks. Adkisson said last weekend was a good chance to identify which athletes are in the ball park to go to Seattle.

Those athletes who have their provisional marks are sprinters Watson, Hummel, and Legard and throwers Neel and Tandle.

If Central performs the way they have in the past few weeks, many more Wildcats will be going to the qualifier then on to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Indoor Track and Field Championship.

## GNAC Championships

### Women

◆Rachael Kaercher, 400 Meter Dash, Third, 58.41 seconds

◆Lindy Mullen, 800 Meter Run, Second, 2:17.18 minutes

◆Ashley Rountree, 60 Meter Hurdles, Sixth, 9.35 seconds

◆Rebecca Lindquist, Shotput, Fifth, 39-04.00 feet

◆Bree Renzetti, Weight Throw, Fourth, 42-07.00 feet

### Men

◆Cameron Sloan, 60 Meter Dash, Third, 7.21 seconds

◆Cresap Watson, High Jump, Fifth, 6-04.00 feet

◆Matthew Valdez, Shotput, Third, 47-07.00 feet

◆Evan Ruud, Shotput, Fifth, 41-01.00 feet

◆Sean Doyle, 800 Meter Run, Sixth, 1:59.10 minutes



# Wildcats one out short of series sweep

by Jordan Montgomery  
Staff reporter

It was a great weekend for baseball fans on campus. The Wildcats were one strikeout shy of a complete sweep against the Northwest Nazarene University Crusaders last weekend. Despite the frigid weather of last Friday, the team dominated both offensively and defensively all day.

"I thought it went really good, it was good to be at home," senior catcher Kevin Knutsen said. "It was nice to see the fans come out despite the weather."

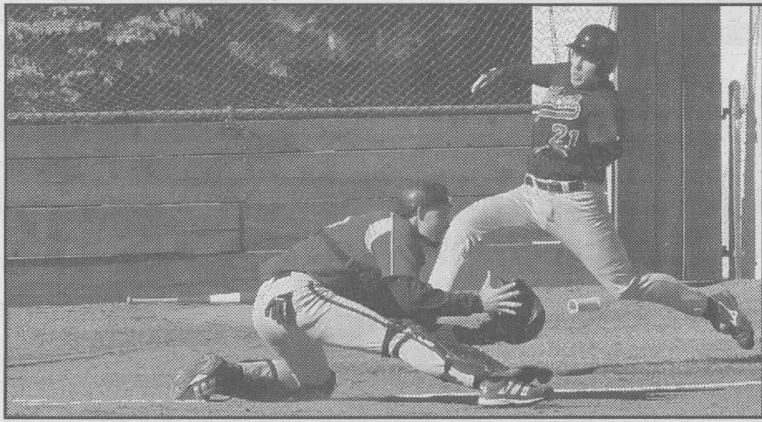
Fridays temperature was 22 degrees with 10-12 mile per hour winds but that did not effect the Wildcat's potent offense.

The Central victories of 16-1 and 7-5 would improve their record to 4-2 while the Crusaders took their third and fourth consecutive losses, making their record 1-5. The Wildcats started with authority as their first five batters all earned hits and then were brought in by a grand slam homerun by Knutsen. The Wildcats did not stop until they had completely gone through the line up and scored six runs on six hits.

"I knew it was gone, it felt good almost effortless," Knutsen said.

Senior starting pitcher Scott Parrish earned his second win of the season in Friday's first game, throwing the first five innings, allowing only one run and six hits with one walk. He would be relieved by Adam Kemp, who closed out the game only allowing one hit in two innings.

Game two on Friday would not start out with as much intensity. Starting pitcher David Jackson earned his sec-



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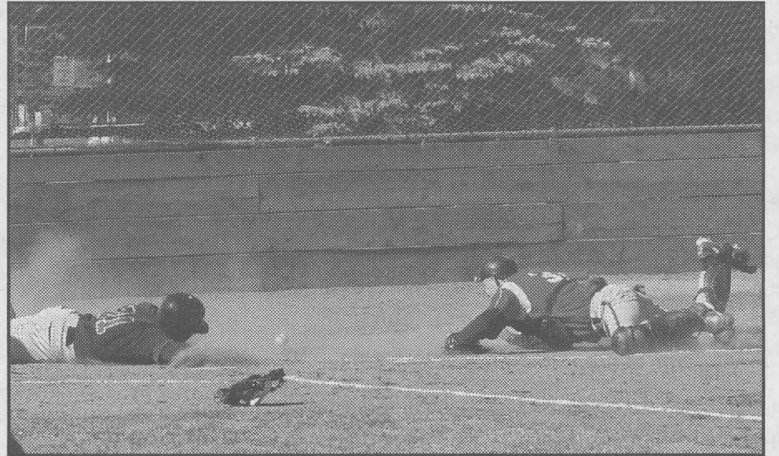
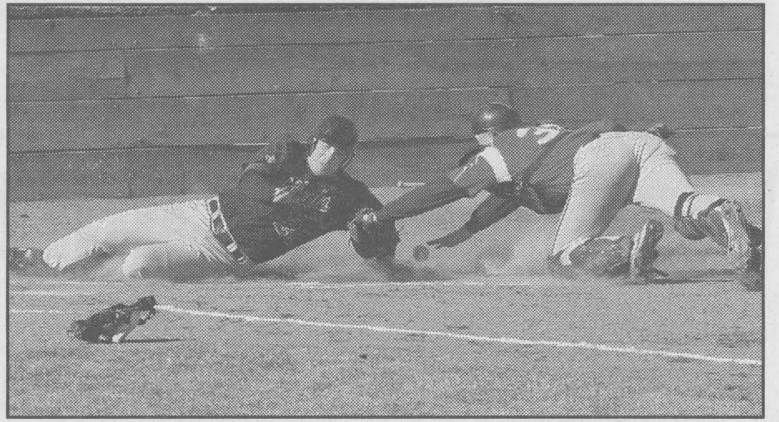
Wildcat senior catcher Kevin Knutsen runs home, (above) avoids a tag attempt from catcher Trevor McKinney, (above right) and scores on a Derek O'Konek single in game three against NNU (right).

ond win of the season allowing four hits and five runs over five innings. He proved to be a problem against many of the Crusaders by striking out five. The Wildcat's offense continued to produce runs at a constant stream over the first three innings and defensively shut down the Crusaders for the rest of the game allowing only six hits total. Junior closer Craig Marshall pitched the last two innings and earned his second save of the season.

After a Friday sweep, the Wildcats looked to do the same Saturday. Led by junior starting pitcher Mike Morris, the Wildcats dominated defensively not allowing one run in seven innings of play. Morris, who earned his first win, would only give up seven hits and no runs. As the Crusaders struggled to produce a rally against Morris' pitching allowed nine runs by the fourth inning. Crusader starting pitcher Tim Stuvland allowed five of those nine

in his three innings. The Wildcats put together a great rally that started with lead-off hitter sophomore short stop Jamie Nilsen's triple to center field in the bottom of the third inning. He was brought in on a double by senior catcher Kevin Knutsen. The Wildcats walked away with this one 10-2.

The Wildcats were only one game away from a complete four game sweep. The game would stay close for its entirety. Senior Jesse Orton started on the mound and pitched a great five innings giving up three runs and seven hits. The Crusaders kept a lead of two for three innings up until the bottom of the fourth when senior Tanner Swanson walked with two outs and no one on. Swanson advanced to third on a double by junior right fielder Rick Templeton. The bases became loaded when junior third baseman Nathan Drake walked. Nilsen was then hit by a pitch scoring the innings first run. Central jumped



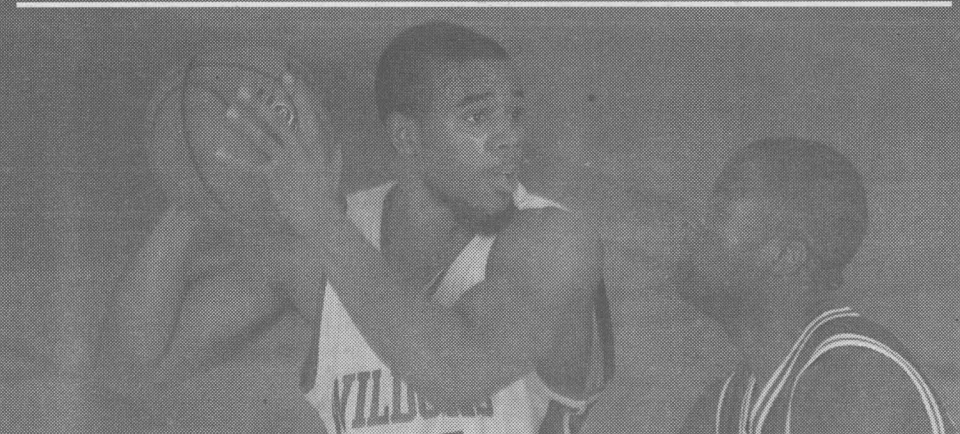
ahead when left fielder Justin Marshall smacked a triple, adding another three runs making it 5-3. The game seemed to be over, when the Wildcats scored one more in the bottom of the sixth. However the Crusaders fought back to within one run with an out remaining in the seventh inning, when Crusader short stop Levi Shumway hit a double that brought in two runs, making the the score 7-6. The Wildcats were held scoreless in the bottom of the seventh

and fell in the series finale.

Junior left fielder Justin Marshall was named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Baseball Hitter of the Week. Marshall is the second Wildcat to receive the award this season. Marshall went eight for 15 with six RBI's on the weekend improving his batting average to .400.

The Wildcats next game is at home against Eastern Oregon University on February 26 at noon.

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# Men's basketball riding four-game win streak

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Going into the final stretch of the season, the Central Washington University men's basketball team went on the road this past weekend riding a two game winning streak. The Wildcats returned home taking the streak to four games and keeping their playoff hopes alive.

The Wildcats first traveled to Nampa, Idaho to take on Northwest Nazarene University and try to avenge their close home loss at the hand of the Crusaders almost a month ago. The game was relatively close for the entire first half with a total of eight lead changes.

Central's defense was superb for the entire first half, holding Northwest Nazarene to only 35.1 percent shooting. The Wildcats were able to eventually build their lead to nine points, but the Crusaders' late charge allowed them to come back and take a small lead, 32-31, with 4:22 minutes left in the half. The lead only lasted for 1:51 minutes, when junior guard Lance Den Boer nailed a three-pointer giving Central the lead, 32-34, which would be the final lead change of the game. The Wildcats went into the half leading 35-41 over the Crusaders.

Den Boer picked up right where he left off, scoring the first four points of the half. The Wildcats offense took it up a notch in the second half scoring 53 points total in the half. Central had a balanced attack with six players scoring

nine points or more, and Den Boer leading with 24 points.

The Wildcats' defense was on the same level as their offense, holding Northwest Nazarene to under 50 percent shooting and allowing them to only score 41 points in the second half. The key was to let Northwest Nazarene's senior forward Mesut Ademoglu score, who ended up scoring 34 points, and shut down the rest of the team.

"We knew he was going to get his points," Coach Greg Sparling said. "We just didn't want to let McCarthy and the rest of the guys hurt us."

Central's offense could not be contained inside the paint or out, scoring 40 points inside the paint, and their tenacious defense could not be penetrated keeping the Crusaders well under their 84.3 points a game average in the win, 94-76.

The Wildcats then traveled to Seattle to take on Seattle Pacific University in the final game of their road trip. Central took the momentum in their previous three wins and took down the Falcons who are ranked eighth in the National Association of Basketball Coaches poll.

The first half was relatively close, but Central's offense could not get in sync for a majority of it, the Wildcats shot 30.8 percent from the field with 10 turnovers. The key to staying in the game was their free throw shooting, making 76.2 percent of their free throws, 16-21. The first half was tight from start to finish and neither team

could break away, but Seattle Pacific went into halftime with a slight lead, 38-36.

The Wildcats came out as a completely different team offensively in the second half and went from shooting a dismal 30.8 percent to shooting 72.4 percent in the second half. Four players scored eight or more points in the half, and were led by the play of Den Boer and freshman guard Johnny Spevak scoring 38 points collectively.

"In the second half we were making hustle plays," Sparling said. "I just really felt in the second half our guys wanted it more."

The second half was just as close as the first half until Den Boer scored five straight points and Spevak hit a jumper taking the lead to eight points, which secured the lead and the game. Despite getting within striking distance at times, the Falcons were never able to get the lead back. Central won its fourth game in a row by defeating Seattle Pacific, 98-87.

Central will ride home on their four game winning streak with a lot of confidence. They play the second worst team in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, Western Oregon University (8-15, 3-11), tonight in Nicholson Pavilion at 7p.m. Even though the Wolves have a dismal record, it does not mean this will be an easy game for the Wildcats.

"We've got to come in with attitude," Sparling said. "Their record doesn't show that they're as good as they are."

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the way with 21 points and nine assists, defeating Central 76-68 one month ago.

Tonight's match-up will decide if this year's team is truly playoff bound.

"If the guys want to go to the playoffs, we have to take it one game at a time," Sparling said. "I don't care if they're 22-0, or 0-22, you have to prepare like they're a championship team."

Saturday's game against a much larger team with depth will be at home as well. Central will play Humboldt State (14-8, 8-6) who won 101-89 one month ago against the Wildcats.

Even though sophomore guard Grayson Moyer scored 30 points and was 10-10 from the free throw line, nobody will forget the numbers senior guard Robert Hicks put up, scoring 41 points on eight of nine shooting from three-point land. The Wildcat's biggest threat Saturday night will be junior forward Keyin Johnson who

leads the Lumberjacks in points (19.2) and rebounds (9.8) on the season.

"We'll rotate guys through, see who plays him the best," Sparling said. "If they go small, we'll go small, if they go big, we'll go big. We have that luxury this year."

Humboldt's biggest strength as a team is rebounding, grabbing an average of six more a game against opponents.

"Last time we lost to these guys, the following week we had a lot of boxing out drills," Sparling said.

As far as accomplishments go for the season, no player in the last nine years since Central became a division II team has averaged over 20 points a game. Junior guard Lance Den

Boer is currently averaging 20.4 points a game for the year with four games remaining. Den Boer transferred from Washington State University at the end of his freshman year. Den Boer is 70 points away from scoring 1,000 points in the last two seasons.

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